

GOOD WELL IS OPENED

NATURAL GAS ASTONISHES RESIDENTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Elwood and Jonesboro Have Gas Trouble of Their Own, and Both Towns Will Pay Higher Rates.

ARGUMENT ON AN INJUNCTION

MUNCIE OBJECTS TO TAXATION FOR A RAILROAD SUBSIDY.

Glass Workers Demand an Advance—License Case to Be Appealed—Courthouse Cornerstone Laid.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Sept. 18.—Gas was struck at noon yesterday on a farm eight miles southeast of this city, and since then a gas flame has spouted to a height of thirty feet from the ground. At night the blaze of the gusher can be seen for miles around, and hundreds of people are paying a visit to what is a novel sight in this county.

The land on which the well is situated is owned by Julian Powell, and the well itself is being driven for J. Smith Talley, the Terre Haute coal operator. The gas was struck at a depth of 300 feet, and as the drill could make no headway it was withdrawn and the gas at once gushed out. Arrangements are being made to save the fuel.

Franchise Holders Are Angry.

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ELWOOD, Ind., Sept. 18.—Ten and twelve years ago, when gas was first discovered, a large number of Elwood people bought franchises from the companies, by the terms of which they were to have free gas as long as the fuel lasted. These numbered almost a third of the consumers in the city, and carrying them has become such a burden to the companies since they have been compelled to buy gas to furnish their patrons that a form of contract was drawn up by them, to be signed by the franchise holders, guaranteeing the latter a supply of gas at 10 cents a thousand feet, while the rate for the general public is 15 cents when the meters begin business the first of the month. Last night the franchise holders held a meeting at the City Hall to decide upon a course of procedure, and it was decided to petition the city council to amend the ordinance. At times, many favoring fighting the companies to a finish on the question, but the meeting broke up for a week. There is a growing sentiment, however, in favor of accepting the companies' terms.

Unusual Corporate Generosity.

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MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 18.—The Muncie Natural Gas Company has offered the Washburn Oil and Gas Company the use of its mains lying in the southern part of the city, and comprising about one-half of the entire system. If the Washburn company would agree to furnish gas to the residents of that community, the Muncie Oil and Gas Company was granted a franchise by the City Council last Monday night. Neither the Muncie Natural Gas Company nor the Washburn company has been in business for long. The latter company has been in business for about a year, and the former for about a year and a half.

Gas Rates Are Increased.

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MARION, Ind., Sept. 18.—The gas companies of Jonesboro and Gas City have announced their rates for the coming winter. The rates at both places will be about one-third more than last year. Meters will be placed in all churches and public buildings. The people of the two cities are dissatisfied with the increase, and a large portion of the homes will be heated with wood and coal.

Good Flow of Heavy Oil.

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 18.—A good flow of fine lubricating oil is being pumped from the new well at Birdseye, Ind., following the shooting earlier in the week. The average is about seventy-five barrels a day.

INJUNCTION CASE ARGUMENT.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 18.—This morning in the Delaware Circuit Court was heard the argument of attorneys in an injunction suit to restrain the county auditor from placing the \$25,000 subsidy for the C. & M. Railroad on this year's tax duplicate, as ordered by the commissioners. The suit was brought at the instance of the Citizens' Land Company, of Muncie, the members of which are the same as the members of the Citizens' Land Company, of Muncie, as conditioned in the terms on which the subsidy was voted.

Suit to Break a Will.

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KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Mary Simpson and Miss Stella Mosler, of Russellville, have brought suit to break the will of their relative, Martha Pearson, an eccentric miser, who devised all her property for the maintenance of a cemetery. Yesterday A. C. Shilling, the administrator, found \$10 in cash among some papers at the late home of the deceased, and it is thought he concealed other money and valuables. The contestants are the heirs of the testator who was of unsound mind.

REUNIONS IN INDIANA.

Preparations for Entertaining the Twelfth Infantry at Goshen.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Ind., Sept. 18.—Preparations are being made by the local committee to entertain fully one hundred of the veterans of the Twelfth Indiana Volunteers in this city on Sept. 24 and 25. Col. Edward Anderson, commander of the regiment, is expected here from Quincy, Mass., to attend the reunion. A large attendance is expected from South Bend, Warsaw and Angola, where companies of the regiment were formed.

Thirty-Eighth at Marengo.

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ENGLISH, Ind., Sept. 18.—The Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry held its annual reunion at Marengo on Tuesday. There were sixty-one members of the regiment present, and they were warmly welcomed and entertained by the citizens. A routing camp fire was held at night. W. M. Carr, of Hartsfield, was elected president. The next reunion will be held at Salem.

Double Reunion at Greentown.

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GREENTOWN, Ind., Sept. 18.—The Seventy-fifth and One-hundred-and-first regiments, Indiana Volunteers, will hold a reunion here on Oct. 2 and 3. It is expected that a large number will attend. An interesting programme has been prepared. Dr. S. T. Murry is the president and W. W. Thrasher is secretary.

Company Reunion at Portland.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PORTLAND, Ind., Sept. 18.—The annual reunion of Company H of the One-hundred-and-first Indiana Volunteers was held here on Tuesday. There were sixty-one members of the regiment present, and they were warmly welcomed and entertained by the citizens. A routing camp fire was held at night. W. M. Carr, of Hartsfield, was elected president. The next reunion will be held at Salem.

dreth Indiana was held here to-day, but the inclemency of the weather interfered to a great extent with the gathering.

Will Publish a Regimental History.

KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 18.—At the reunion of the Thirty-ninth Regiment just closed at Noblesville, Hon. O. A. Somers, of Kokomo, was detailed to publish a history of the regiment, and \$1,000 was voted for that purpose. The reunion will be held in Kokomo next year. Officers were chosen as follows: President, Captain Garrigus; Kokomo; vice president, James Arnett; Kokomo; secretary, W. D. Ward; Kokomo; orator, Leroy S. Falls, of Austin, Ill.

BIG ADVANCE WANTED.

Burns Glass Workers Present Their Scale to the Companies.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 18.—Officers of the American Window Glass Company and the Federation Glass Company met to-day with the wage committee of the Burns organization for the purpose of settling the wage scale for the coming year. The scale presented by the workers calls for an advance of 5 per cent. above the closing rate of last year. This would be equal to an advance of 18 per cent. on single and 13 per cent. on double thick over the Denny scale, which was signed by the independent companies last week.

The proposition was discussed for three hours, when adjournment was taken until to-morrow. It is believed a compromise scale will be agreed on at the next meeting.

Effect of the Break-Up.

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HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Sept. 18.—With the first news of the disruption of the Independent Glass Company President J. R. Johnson, of the Federation Window Glass Company, hurried to Pittsburg. It is believed here that nearly all the twenty-eight concerns included in the Independent combine will now join hands with the Co-operative Federation, making it the biggest window glass combination in existence. With the going to pieces of the Independent Glass Company also follows the disruption of the new L. A. 300 or Denny factory, whose workers were employed exclusively in the independent factories. Hector Deagan, chief preceptor of L. A. 300, received a telephone message from the Pittsburg headquarters this morning that the 400 pots capacity of the disrupted Independent Company had applied for the wage scale of the old L. A. 300 or Denny factory and for admission into the Co-operative Federation.

Change in Important Boards.

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ANDERSON, Ind., Sept. 18.—To-night the control and management of the electric light and water-works plants will pass from the control of the City Council and into the hands of the new committees recently appointed by Mayor Forkner. The boards will organize to-night. The old Board of Water-works Commissioners was entirely removed. It was composed of Harlan Canaday, Lafe J. Burr and Thomas Norton. They have avowed in control of the water works ever since its inception. The new board, the first named being the Republican member. The electric light board becomes Democratic by the substitution of M. J. O'Meara for Elliott, a Republican. The other members are Thomas J. Nichol and C. V. Griffith.

Parallel Traction Lines Under Way.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 18.—The Union Traction Company of Indiana has stolen a march on the Muncie, New Castle & Alexandria Traction Company, of which E. T. Lee, of New Castle, is the chief promoter, and is now grading for its direct line from Muncie to Alexandria within four miles west of Muncie. For some time there has been a fight between the traction companies for right of way and franchises along the proposed route and in the various cities and towns. The Union Traction Company has the grading of its new division from Alexandria to Muncie almost completed. It understood that the Muncie, New Castle & Alexandria Company also intends to construct its line.

Want the Law Changed.

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RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 18.—The information is given out here, and comes from a reliable source, that an effort will be made to get the next Legislature to change the law by which town and city officials are elected for but two years so that they will, as formerly, be elected for four years. Every town and city in the State affected by the law, which was passed by the last Legislature, will be anxious to co-operate in the effort to bring about the change. It is claimed elections every two years are too frequent, and that as officials are usually conceded a re-election when serving but two years, it would be better to elect them for four years.

Two Republican Nominees.

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LOGANSPORT, Ind., Sept. 18.—At the convention of Republican delegates from Cass, Fulton and Pulaski counties held in this city yesterday Josiah G. Powell, of Logansport, was nominated for joint senator from Cass and Pulaski counties, and John B. Smith, also of Logansport, was nominated for joint representative from Cass and Fulton counties. No other aspirants were in the field, and the nominations were made by acclamation. Mr. Powell is the present auditor of Cass county, serving his second term. Mr. Smith is a well-known young attorney.

Small Boy Dropped a Pistol.

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KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 18.—During the closing of services at the annual W. C. T. U. convention at Markland-avenue Methodist Church here and while the pastor, Rev. M. V. Williams, was pronouncing the benediction, a revolver was discharged in the auditorium with a loud report. A panic resulted. The revolver had accidentally fallen from the pocket of George Mix, who is treasurer of the Howard county Union. No one was hurt, but the session was broken up in confusion.

Woman's Fight with a Hawk.

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WINDFALL, Ind., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Ithamar D. Keith, living in the central part of the city, had a fight with a chicken hawk yesterday afternoon, in which one of her arms was badly lacerated, but she killed the hawk. She heard a commotion among her chickens, and went out to see what was the matter. There she saw the hawk doing their best to protect their broods from the hawk, but when Mrs. Keith intervened they attacked her. It was only after a sharp struggle that she dispatched it.

Courthouse Cornerstone Laid.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 18.—The cornerstone of Hammond's new Superior Court house was laid to-day amid much pomp and ceremony. Senator L. E. Newby, of Knightstown, delivered the oration. It was a big day in Masonry, lodges and commanderies being present from all the surrounding counties. The building will cost \$100,000 and will be completed by Hammond after a legislative fight that lasted twelve years and made and unmade many men.

New Telephone Exchange Opened.

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ELWOOD, Ind., Sept. 18.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon the new exchange of the Delaware and Madison Counties Telephone Company in this city was put in operation, with a total of about 250 instruments connected. At the same hour the toll line connecting this city with Alexandria and Anderson was thrown open to the public, and the Muncie line will be opened as soon as the exchange there is completed. A. W. Martner is the local manager.

Hoodlums by No. 13.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 18.—Last night Miss Koda Martz, teacher of languages in the Kokomo High School, entertained a party of thirteen at Highland Park. Late at

night they started home on car No. 13. Miss Martz lost a valuable watch. The car returned to the park and was ditched at a siding. The car was badly damaged, but no one was seriously hurt. The lost watch was not found. The party regards it as an aggravated case of "unlucky thirteen."

Killed Himself with Lye.

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LEBANON, Ind., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Jasper N. Heath committed suicide by taking concentrated lye. Ill health and despondency were the causes. She was born in Marion county, south of Indianapolis, and was about 64 years old. She was twice married, the first time to Francis Smith in 1868, and the second time to Mr. Heath. One child was the result of the first marriage and four children of the second. All the children are dead. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, to-morrow afternoon.

Prefers Staying in Jail.

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GOSHEN, Ind., Sept. 18.—Michael J. Stiver, a wealthy Benton township farmer, is in jail rather than pay a fine and costs amounting to \$27, imposed several months ago for failure to pay tax on two dogs he harbored. At the time the fine was imposed he stayed the justice's docket, but refused to pay when the time limit expired. He was yesterday arrested on a mittimus and declared his preference to remain in jail rather than pay the fine and costs.

License Case to Be Appealed.

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HUNTINGTON, Ind., Sept. 18.—W. T. Jacobs was granted a liquor license this afternoon on the ground that the remonstrance did not contain the names of a majority of the legal voters of the Third ward. There were 315 names on the list and a majority required. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Fatally Wounded by an Officer.

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CONNEERSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 18.—Ed Jackson, special policeman, and George Daniels became involved in an altercation, during which the officer drew his revolver. The men wrestled for possession until the officer fired himself and the other was killed in the head, inflicting a mortal wound. Jackson is under arrest.

Found Dead in His Bed.

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DANVILLE, Ind., Sept. 18.—E. W. Heinke, a traveling salesman for A. W. Schram & Son Chair Company, of Sheboygan, Wis., was found dead in his bed at Brunswick Hotel this morning. He seemed in good health when he retired last night. The position of his body showed he died in great agony.

Many Goods Taken by Thieves.

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LAPORTE, Ind., Sept. 18.—Robbers early this morning forced an entrance to the general store of Dale Hay, at Union Mills, Laporte county, and carried away merchandise to the amount of several hundred dollars. There is no clear. Tramps are believed to have committed the deed.

Woman Tried to Kill Herself.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., Sept. 18.—For unknown reasons Mrs. Charles Taylor, residing on Arch street, attempted suicide this afternoon by taking poison. Her condition is critical, but attending physicians entertain hopes for her recovery.

Indiana Obituary.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Sept. 18.—The death to-day of Mr. Allen removes probably the most interesting citizen of Greencastle. Having come here in 1837 he knew more of the history of the city than any person now living, with the exception of his widow, who came here with him several years ago. He was born in November they would have celebrated their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary. Mr. Allen was almost eighty-nine years old. He was a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, but came to Indiana as a boy.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Lillie Stoughton, wife of the Rev. Mr. Stoughton, died at her home near Clifford, near here, at 8 o'clock to-night, the train having run into an open switch while running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. To add to the disaster the boiler exploded and the engineer, Philip Roe, and fireman Charles Studer, both of this city, were killed outright.

Every coach on the train left the track, but no serious injuries were sustained. That none of the passengers had been seriously injured. General Manager I. G. Rawn was in his private car on the rear of the train, and he superintended taking care of the many who are more or less hurt. He ordered the injured brought to the Warner House in this city. He asked for room for forty-four persons injured. Their names cannot be obtained here, as all is confusion.

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People from here on the train report that it is one of the worst wrecks that ever occurred on the road, as all coaches are more or less upset. The postal and baggage cars were heaped on top of the engine tank, and it will take many hours to clear the wreck.

Following is a partial list of the injured: MRS. JOHN SELLERS, Wellston, O. MISS SYLVESTER, Wellston. CHARLES MOSHER, Chillicothe. MRS. GEORGE WARNER. MABEL WARNER. MRS. OTTO WISSLER, Chillicothe. HENRY GREENBAUM.

Marine Accused of Thieving.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—J. E. Welkman, a private of the marine corps, was arrested to-day, charged with a series of robberies in the marine barracks. A trunk said to be Welkman's was examined, and it is alleged Chinese and Japanese curios, rare porcelain and a great variety of Oriental goods were found in it, amounting to an estimated value of \$50,000. Welkman declares he is innocent.

Missionary Schooner Wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—The schooner Southern Cross, belonging to the London Missionary Society, was wrecked Sept. 1, on the eastern side of the Island of Hawaii, near the harbor of Papete. There were 100 passengers on board, but all were rescued. The vessel was broken to pieces on the coral-bottomed shore. News of the disaster was received by the steamer Mariposa.

Nearly Seven Million Sheep.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 18.—The State Board of Sheep Commissioners has com-

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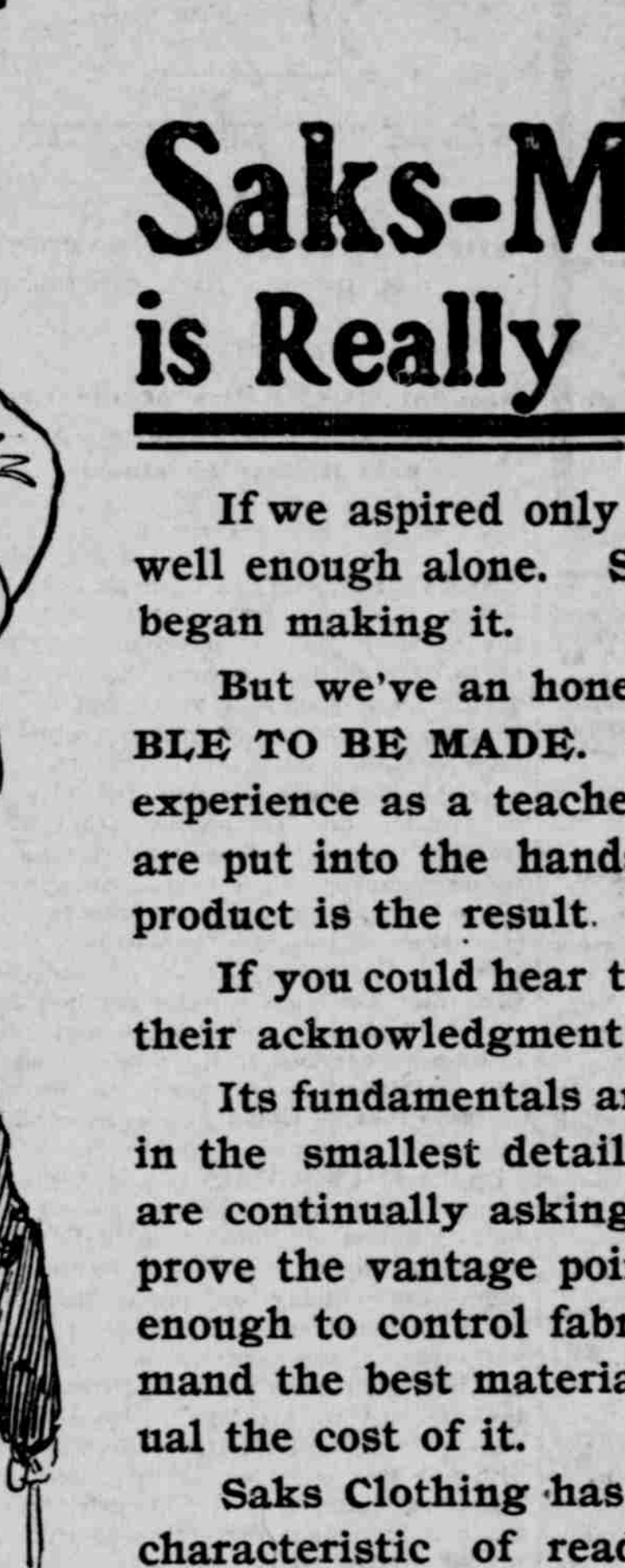
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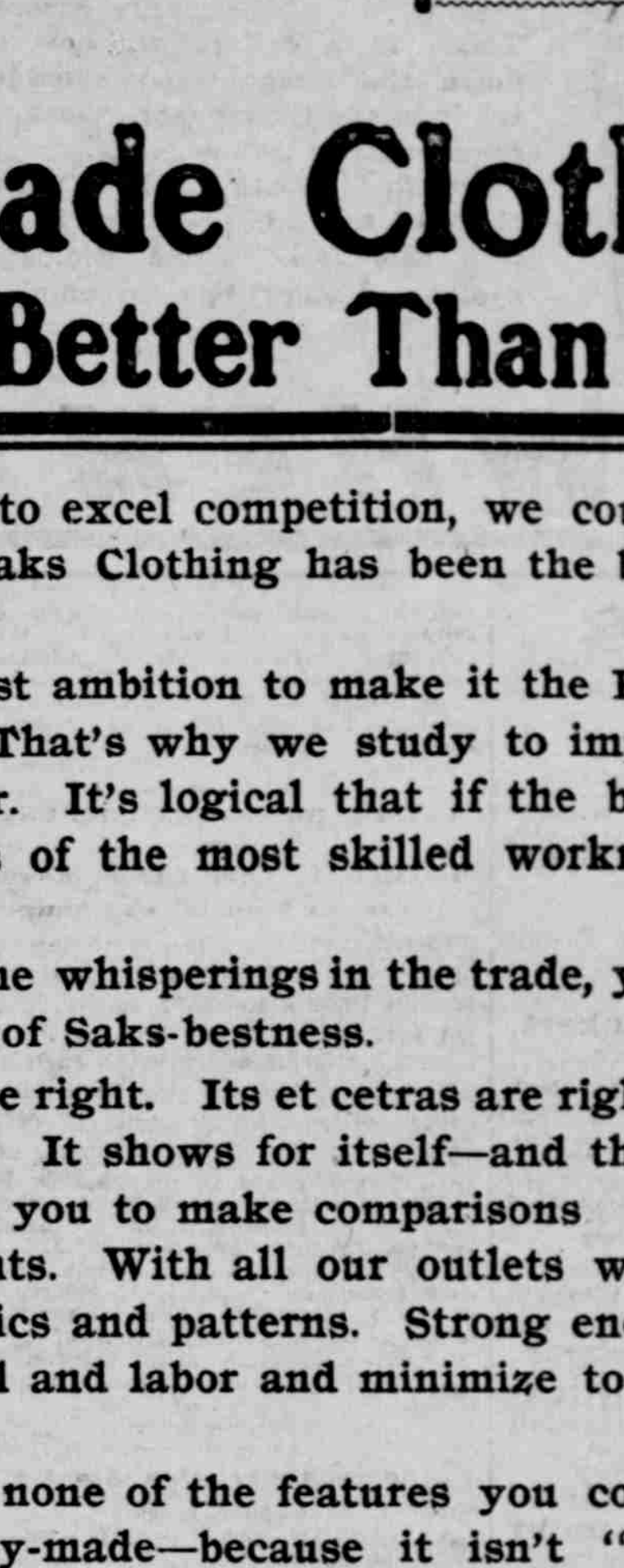
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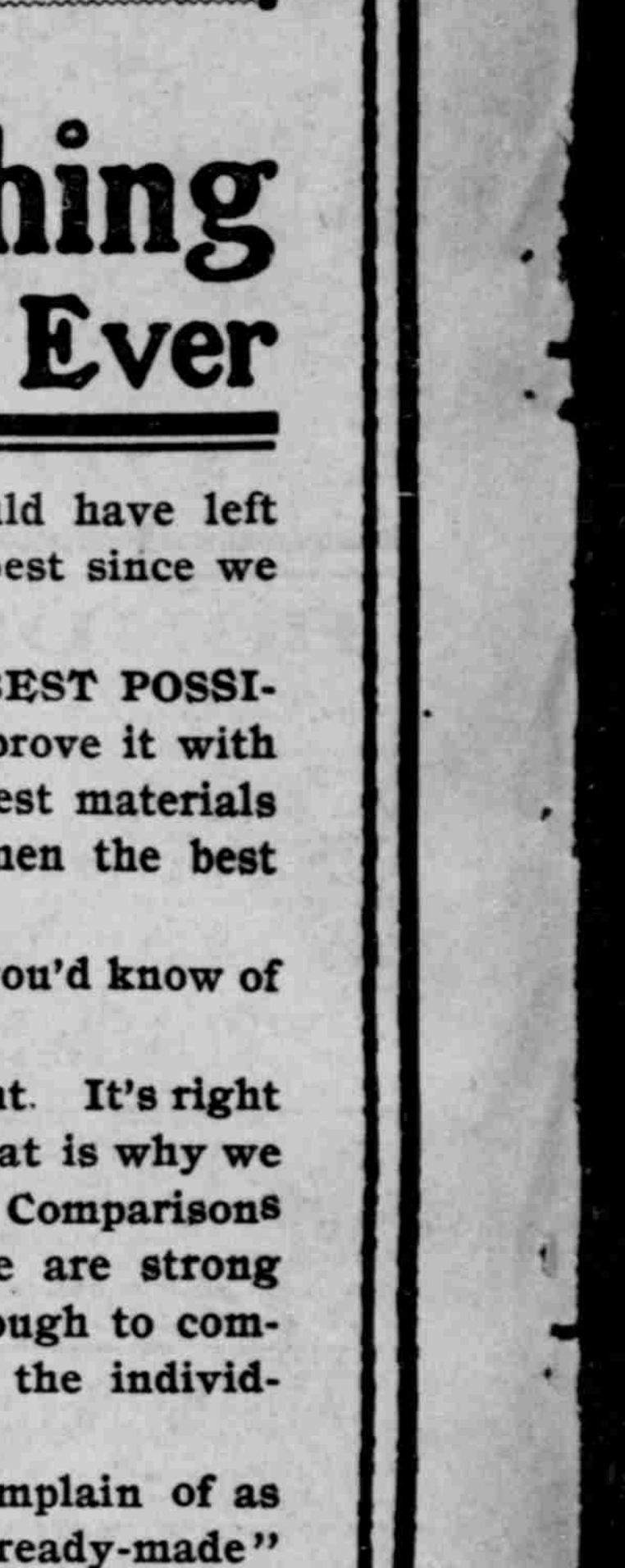
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